



Green Garden Parties

*Get in on the fun this summer by scheduling a **Green Garden Party!***

Gather your friends, family and neighbors together. You'll learn all about the benefits of becoming water-wise and natural gardeners. There are great gifts for hosts, and your guests will have the chance to win door prizes too!

Signup online at http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/nc/nc_greengarden.asp

Frequently Asked Questions

What usually happens at these parties?

One or two staff specialists from Waukesha County will come to your party, spend some time introducing the topics you have chosen and then open the floor up to discussion and questions. Your guests help to shape the discussion based on their gardening interests, questions or problems.

What topics can I choose?

Green Garden Parties are tailored to YOUR interests and each party is unique. Choose from one or more of the following topics:

- Managing yard materials at home
- Composting yard materials and kitchen scraps
- Leaf mulching to save time, money and nutrients
- Healthy lawns...naturally
- Water-wise gardening
- Household Hazards - What's lurking?
- Recycling - the Facts, the Fun and the Future

Who do I invite?

Us of course! Some people choose to have a private party involving friends and family, others have "block parties" where the neighborhood is invited. Other groups invite us as part of a normally scheduled meeting such as Rotary or Kiwanis. Businesses can even schedule a party to be held over their lunch break. We ask that there are at least 10 people at the party.

How long do the parties usually last?

The parties usually last at least one hour; some have been a few hours. It all depends on the number of questions people have. They are lots of fun!

When can parties be scheduled?

Green Garden Parties are most effective if planned for a weeknight, which avoids most people's busy summer weekend schedules.

What if it rains on my Green Garden Party?

The party can simply be moved indoors if you have ample space inside your house to accommodate your guests. Otherwise, your party can be re-scheduled for a sunny day. The Waukesha County staff members will need to be notified before 4:30 on the day of the party if you plan on canceling due to rain.

What about refreshments?

Usually food is served. Sometimes the host or hostess provides drinks and snacks; others have made it potluck style. Refreshments can range from tea and cookies to community or block BBQs.

My backyard can't accommodate all my friends and neighbors. Can I have my Green Garden Party somewhere else?

Retzer Nature Center is available as a Green Garden Party location. The compost demonstration site, rain garden and native landscaping ideas make Retzer a prime spot for your Green Garden Party.

How do I sign up?

Green Garden Parties are FREE and can be scheduled by calling (262) 896-8300, or by signing up online at http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/nc/nc_greengarden.asp.